



January 12, 2022
220 S. Main St. Bel Air, MD 21014
VIA Webex
8:00 -- 9:30 a.m.

Summary Notes

Director's Report

Len Parrish, Director OCED

Mr. Parrish briefly welcomed attendees of the meeting. Chief Advisor, Billy Boniface, welcomed members and thanked them for their continued assistance. Three of the appointed positions on the Economic Development Advisory Board have been vacated. Mark Shaver of UMUH and Dr. Theresa Felder of HCC were nominated for the public service openings, and Matthew Scales was nominated for the business and workforce development opening. They will be presented to Council and if approved will become appointed members effective January 18, 2022.

The county recently compiled information for the Bond rating. OCED was able to provide information about grants, workforce, land use, housing, population, new & expanding businesses, information on our defense, logistics, healthcare, & agribusiness sectors, and transit to include in the overall report submitted to the agencies. The County looks to retain their AAA bond rating.

Mark Shaver SVP Strategy, Physician Services & Business Development offered an update on UMUH. Lyle Sheldon has retired, and the new CEO is Elizabeth Wise. He briefly discussed the transition and Ms. Wise offered remarks. Mr. Shaver spoke about situational awareness on COVID & the State of Affairs at UC Medical Center and Harford Memorial. There was a brief discussion of the opening of the Aberdeen Medical Office with Endocrinology, Hematology, and Oncology. He reviewed bed tower expansion & expansion to the Bel Air Campus. Finally, Harford Memorial's disposition & development efforts with Cushman Wakefield were detailed.

Dr. Sean Bulson, Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, spoke about COVID regulations and the adjustment for in-person instruction. Another current hurdle facing the school system is the shortage of lack of substitutes in the County. They will continue to work through these logistical issues.

Karen Holt, Deputy Director, offered a defense update. Aberdeen Proving Ground is at HPCON level BRAVO. Kirk Army is hosting an immunization clinic for vaccine and boosters on Jan. 14, 8AM-12noon. Should you hear "the sounds of freedom," Testing exercises are scheduled at APG for Jan 10-13. Ripken Stadium offering drive thru COVID testing beginning on Mon. Jan. 10. Many defense organization and nonprofit events remain virtual or have been pushed out in the calendar to support increased attendance. The Army Alliance has set March 16 for its annual luncheon at Waters Edge Events Center. A brief discussion ensued regarding remote work which has been embraced in the defense sector. Recruitment and retention efforts associated with the "Future of Work," where the best and brightest may be retained but may work remotely while being in a university-based community and not necessarily physically here in the APG community but for a once-a-month team meeting or lab activity.

EDAB Meeting (Location may be virtual)

4.13.22 8:00 a.m., TBD